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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES APPROACH EMBASSY IS TAKING WITH CZECHOSLOVAKS IN INITIAL TALKS ON EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. WE THINK IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN FIELD OF EDUCATION THAT WE MAKE CLEAR TO CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES SHOULD GO BEYOND LANGUAGE TEACHING. WE THINK IT WAS ALSO USEFUL TO GET ZANTOVSKY'S DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS. AT APPROPRIATE TIME DURING NEXT MEETINGS ON EXCHANGES AGREEMENT EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS ON THREE SUBJECTS REPORTED IN REFTEL.

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2. DEPARTMENT AND HEW CONCUR THAT POSITION TAKEN BY CHARGE ON INCLUSION OF CONCEPT OF "HEALTH SERVICES" IN SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES ARTICLE (PARA 6 REFTEL) WAS APPROPRIATE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO HEALTH SERVICES EXCHANGES TO APPEAR IN TEXT, IN PART BECAUSE WE DO NOT RPT NOT WANT TO SINGLE OUT THIS FIELD IN A WAY WHICH COULD HAVE EFFECT OF COMMITTING BOTH SIDES TO FUND HEALTH EXCHANGES FOR LIFE OF AGREEMENT. CZECHOSLOVAK INTEREST IN SUCH EXCHANGES CAN BE SATISFIED WITHOUT MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THEM IN GENERAL AGREEMENT. IF PARTIES AGREE IN FUTURE

TO CARRY OUT PARTICULAR EXCHANGES IN FIELD OF HEALTH SERVICES (INCLUDING FACILITATING PRIVATELY FUNDED ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS IN PREVIOUS YEARS BETWEEN TRANSNATIONAL FAMILY RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. AND PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN PRAGUE), SPECIFIC OUTLINES OF SUCH UNDERSTANDINGS CAN BE SET FORTH IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, PROCEDURE WHICH WE EXPECT TO FOLLOW GENERALLY IN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT.

3. PARA. 9 REFTEL REPORTS CZECHOSLOVAK INTEREST IN LINKING DISTRIBUTION OF FILMS AND TV SHOWS IN SOME MANNER TO AGREEMENT. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT OUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA TO ARRANGEMENTS NOTED IN ARTICLE ONE OF U.S. DRAFT. EMBASSY MIGHT STATE THAT, WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO LEND FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO CZECHOSLOVAKS IN MAKING APPROPRIATE NETWORK AND FILM DISTRIBUTOR CONTACTS HERE, BOTH INDUSTRIES ARE PRIVATE IN U.S. AND THERE IS LITTLE USG CAN DO TO ASSURE CZECHOSLOVAKS OF PLACING THEIR FILMS AND TV SHOWS BEFORE AMERICAN PUBLIC. GIVEN COMMERCIAL ORIENTATION OF BOTH INDUSTRIES, LIKELIHOOD OF EXTENSIVE PLACEMENT IS SMALL.

4. WHILE WE ENVISION PERIODIC MEETINGS OF EXPERTS TO REVIEW OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT AND TO PLAN FUTURE ACTIVITIES, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY KIND OF MIXED COMMISSION FOR SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE (PARA. 11 REFTEL). PRESENT MECHANISM WHEREBY NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IREX AND INDIVIDUAL U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS

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TIONS HAVE HAD FRUITFUL EXCHANGES WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS APPEARS TO BE SOUND AND WORKABLE METHOD.

5. EMBASSY MAY INFORM CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE LETTERS AT TIME GENERAL AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AS APPROPRIATE MEANS OF SPECIFYING EXCHANGES TWO SIDES AGREE TO CONDUCT UNDER GENERAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TOWARD INCORPORATING

REFERENCE TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN (FOR EXAMPLE) ARTICLE
FIVE OF AGREEMENT, BUT IF CZECHOSLOVAKS PROPOSE ADDING
SUCH REFERENCE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT EMBASSY MAY INDICATE
THAT U.S. SIDE IS WILLING TO CONSIDER. WE RECOGNIZE THAT
OUR PRESENT THINKING RE REFERENCE TO EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
IN AGREEMENT DIFFERS FROM APPROACH TO THIS QUESTION IN
STATE 224653. HOWEVER, WE NOW INCLINED TO BELIEVE OUR
INTERESTS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY LEAVING AGREEMENT ON
EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO ORAL UNDERSTANDING. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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